

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JAN 30 1973

Dr. Henri Minette  
Deputy Director for Environmental Health  
Hawaii State Department of Health  
P.O.Box 3378  
Honolulu, HI 96801

Dear Dr. Minette:

Your recent request for interim authorization to issue NPDES permits should be acted upon very shortly. We will inform you as soon as a decision is made.

In this regard it is requested that you plan to hold at least one public hearing on the five permits you propose to issue. This hearing should be preceded by a 30 day public notice.

There seems to be some uncertainty as to the date of the last day of the interim period during which permits may be issued. To be certain, you should plan on issuing permits on or before March 18, 1973, and develop your public notice and public hearing schedule accordingly.

Please note also that you must furnish us with a copy of the permits you propose to issue and receive from us a statement that we do not object to their issuance prior to issuing the permits. If you believe for some reason that you cannot comply with our requests regarding public notice and public hearings, then we would find it necessary to object to issuance of the permits. I am hopeful, however, that you will be able to work it out.

I have enclosed a reprint of a paper which gives an indication of the attention that this program is apt to receive. I think you will find it of interest.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
R. L. O'Connell

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Director, Enforcement Division

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